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Dear Friend:

I know you are not greatly surprised to receive a letter from me at this time, and I am sure you can almost guess what the contents are.

Up to now our baseball outlook for 1943 has been so cloudy I really did not know what steps to take about making plans. As things stand both of the colored leagues, are going ahead with plans for this year, and plan to start the season regardless. If we are able to play we will of course have to arrange a very different schedule from what we have always had up to now. That is one of the reasons for this letter. In order to do as little traveling as possible I want to find out if we can have a few dates in Ebbetts Field. The first and most important one May 30th. If we cannot have the 30th could we have the 31st?

If we can have one of these dates, and the games are profitable, could we have August 1st?

Our league is meeting in Washington the last of this month, and I would like to know by then what your decision is. We will draw up our schedule at that time. If you feel the park could stand more colored baseball, I could send two other teams in on June 6th or 27th. However you know whether that would help or hurt matters.

I will greatly appreciate hearing from you as soon as possible, and thank you in advance for the cooperation you give me on this matter.

Very Truly Yours